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20 March 1967

Talking Paper for "The Changing Political Scene in India"

1. This self-initiated memorandum is an attempt to take stock of what did and did not happen in the Indian general elections last month. The initiators believe such a memorandum may be useful to help settle the dust and to establish some base from which to look at future possibilities.

2. The essential judgment is that the Congress Party took a severe buffeting, but at the hands of no one in particular and to no one's special benefit. Specifically, we do not see a large present political gain for the Communists, although they have opened new doors for the future. The most important unknown is whether the Congress will be able to revamp its organization and revive its elan. Congress' future actions are still far more important than those of its opponents.

3. This memorandum has been coordinated with ONE, but does not necessarily reflect the weighting which ONE would give the various elements in the situation in a formal estimate (NIE 31-67 on India is scheduled for July.)

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THE RECENTLY HELD INDIAN GENERAL ELECTION REVEALS A CHANGED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE COUNTRY. THE CONGRESS PARTY, WHICH HAS RULED SO LONG, SUFFERED SUBSTANTIAL SETBACKS ON BOTH THE NATIONAL AND STATE LEVELS. NEVERTHELESS, IT REMAINS THE ONLY PARTY WITH NATIONWIDE SUPPORT. NO DISTINCT TREND TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT IN INDIAN POLITICS IS INDICATED BY THE ELECTION RESULTS. CONGRESS' SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES APPEAR TO HAVE

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 CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE SHORT RUN. OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF
 TIME, HOWEVER, THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE THE CASE. MUCH
 WILL DEPEND ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE COMRADES PARTY
 ITSELF, AS WELL AS ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE DISPOSITION OF THE

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